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1. A new CKD plant in Uhersky Brod was begun in 1951 and was still being enlarged as of June 1953. The extension work was being carried out by Ingstav Brno, National Enterprise, of Prostejov. The new plant, which covers an area approximately 600 x 800 meters in size, is located along the Nivnice-Uhersky Brod road, 1½ kilometers south of Uhersky Brod.
2. The machinery was supplied by the CKD plants in Prague-Vysocany and in Blansko. Only the first workshop hall, located in the center of the premises, was fitted out with machinery and other equipment as of June 1953.
3. The first hall, equipped with two ovens for casting machinery pedestals, started production on a belt conveyor system of lathes, milling and planning machines in autumn 1951. Judging by the preparations, one of the new halls will manufacture agricultural machinery, apparently all kinds of lighter farming machinery except automatic binders.
4. Mostly unskilled workers, former peasants from neighboring villages, are employed there. Some qualified personnel from the Blansko plant, however, are employed chiefly for training purposes. About 2,000 workers, including construction workers, were employed in three shifts as of June 1953. There was a shortage of skilled labor. The planned labor force as announced in June 1953 was 6,000.
5. The construction plan was fulfilled by 260 percent and construction workers were awarded state prizes. The production plan, however, had not been fulfilled owing to shortage of skilled labor.
6. Power is supplied by the electric generation plant in Uhersky Brod-Slavicin.

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